

The intensity which these special anxieties can attain in young children is clearly shown in some of the quoted letters from mothers and nurses. The naive remarks of the children in the school records afford us a glimpse of the actual content of the anxieties, although none of these particular children happened to show any special difficulties of the type illustrated in the letters.

It will have been noticed, in the School records of this theme, that whilst a certain proportion of the children's references to excretory affairs are made in a hostile mood, and are expressions of hatred and defiance, quite a number are purely playful dramatisations, corresponding in mood and general significance to any other theme of their talk or dramatic play: (P. 124, 18.6.25) " Tommy and Christopher spent half an hour making what they called a ' bee-wee pie with sand and water. In the sand-pit, in the morning, Paul and Harold, and later Frank and Dan, had ' made try'—mixing sand and water with their hands, ' with salt', they said. Frank piled it up on a brick in a loaf shape, and Paul called it a 'loaf of try-bread'. Harold did the same, and said, ' When someone wants to eat a try-loaf, we'll give them this/ Paul and Harold went on with this ' try-bread ' for some time, and said they were going to cook it. Harold later asked Mrs. I. if she would like a loaf, and took her some/" (P. 126, 2.12.25) "Christopher, Tommy and Dan made a ' corridor train' with chairs. Dan showed the two passengers where ' the lavatory ' was, saying, ' in case you want to make water'. Tommy and N. (avisitor) then pretended to go to the lavatory, Dan saying, ' Can 'you undo your trousers ?' (P. 125, 13.7.25) " When dressing after bathing, Theobald and others chanted about a 'bottle of brown bee-

wee water'.
 This happened on two or three days. They
 talked of 'selling' it. Theobald's talk *re* bee-wee has occurred
 coincident-
 ally with much greater social freedom,
 friendliness and generally greater interest and activity." (P. 127,
 10.12.26)
 " The children (Jane, Conrad, Dan) were
 playing 'ship',
 and each child had a waste-paper basket of
 his own as a
 'lavatory'. They pretended to be sick, to make
 water and
 to pass faeces, saying, ' Mine's full/ ' Empty it
 in the sea/
 and so on/' To small children, it appears the
 natural thing
 to include a lavatory in their make-believe ship
 or train or
 house, and to play out lavatory situations like
 any other.